

What's New in the City



City of Natchitoches



Second Annual Family Day at the Park June 27th

The City of Natchitoches Recreation and Parks Department and My 93.9 FM will host the second annual Family Day at the Park on Saturday, June 27, 2015, from 9:00 a.m. to 1:00 p.m. at City Park on Amulet Street. This free event will feature family friendly activities including swimming, games, con-

cessions, face painting and more.

Last year, over 500 people participated in the inaugural Family Day at the Park. This year's event hopes to surpass that amount and offer more for families to enjoy. Activity booths, bounce house and food will be available for all from 9:00 a.m. to 1:00 p.m.

Attendees can also enjoy "Field Day" activities from 9:30 a.m. to 10:30 a.m., and open swim at City Pool from 11:00 a.m. to 1:00 p.m. All activities are free and open to the public.

Non-profit organizations, churches, government agencies, and educational institutions are encouraged to sign up to host an activity booth. Activity booths should offer free, hands-on activities such as science, arts and crafts, carnival games, puppet shows,

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Did you know?

- The Cane River Green Market is open every Saturday from 8:00 a.m. to 12:00 p.m. on the Downtown Riverbank. EBT/ SNAP, Credit and Debit Cards are now accepted! Through a MarketMatch Program, the market will match up to \$20 in SNAP purchases per market visit while supplies last. In addition, children ages 12 and younger can sign up for the CRGM Kids Club and receive \$10 in tokens to spend with the vendors each market while supplies last. For more info, call 318-352-2746.
- The Natchitoches Fish Hatchery will hold their annual Kids Fishing Derby & Open House on Saturday, June 6 from 8:00 a.m. to 12:00 p.m.
- The City of Natchitoches was named the #1 Southern Small Town by USA Today and 10Best.com.

keep moving this SUMMER
with the city of Natchitoches Community Programs

MY 93.9
THE MOST VARIETY OF Q&A 101.1

Family Day
at the Park

CREATIVE ARTS
ADVENTURES
Visual, Performing and Culinary Arts Camp

City Park * 300 Amulet Street
June 27, 9:00am to 1:00pm
All activities are FREE
Swimming* Food* Games
For youth and their families

MLK Recreation Center
August 3 - 7 * Art Reception August 8
\$40 or \$5 with proof of Medicaid card
8:00am to Noon
For youth ages 6-13

NATCHITOCHES
summer day camp

Session 1 * June 8-June 19 * Around the World and Here at Home
Session 2 * June 22-July 2 * Under the Sea, Around the Bayou and Down the River
Session 3 * July 6-July 17 * Time Travelers and History Sleuths
Session 4 * July 20-July 31 * The Great Outdoors: Exploring Sportsman's Paradise
For youth ages 6-13 * \$30.00 per session, per child
Session 1 & 2: Weaver Elementary * Session 3 & 4: East Natchitoches Middle
7:30 am to 12:30 pm Monday through Friday

For more information contact
Dallas Russell at (318) 238-7508

CANE RIVER
NATIONAL HERITAGE AREA

The City of Natchitoches Recreation and Parks Program will offer a variety of programming this summer for youth ages 6 - 13 in partnership with the Cane River National Heritage Area, Inc., and Northwestern State University Office of Creative and Performing Arts. Natchitoches Summer Day Camp will begin June 8, 2015, while Art

The City of Natchitoches and Cane River National Heritage Area, Inc. have teamed up to offer a summer day camp that will offer various activities including arts and crafts, sports, life skills and academics, swimming and field trips. Breakfast and Lunch will be served. The Natchitoches Summer Day Camp will be offered in four,

Summer Programs Start June 8th

Adventures Camp will begin August 3, 2015.

two-week sessions beginning June 8, 2015 from 7:30 a.m. to 12:30 p.m. each day. Each session will have a different theme. The sessions are:

- June 8 - 19: Around the World and Here at Home (Weaver Elementary)
- June 22 - July 2: Under the Sea, Around the Bayou and Down the River (Weaver Elementary)

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Girls Getaway Weekend June 5 - 7 *Family Day (cont.)*

The Natchitoches Historic District Business Association will host a Girls Getaway Weekend, June 5 - 7, 2015, in downtown Natchitoches. The "Steel Magnolias Style" event will feature three fun-filled days of activities, shopping, dining and entertainment.

Registration for the event is \$50 per person. Registration entitles participants to a custom Steel Magnolia T-shirt, exclusive discount shopping, Friday night "Taste of Natchitoches" reception at the Louisiana Sports Hall of Fame and Northwest Louisiana History Museum, wine and cheese reception and tour of the Steel Magnolia House, movie night featuring *Steel Magnolias* at Beau Jardin, and Sunday brunch at the historic Samuel Guy house.

Additional weekend activities such as a garden terrarium class at Kaffie Frederick, "Painting a Memory" at the Natchitoches Arts Center, and a wine pairing at The Landing Restaurant are available for additional fees.

For a complete schedule of events and to register, visit www.natchitocheshdba.org or call Lanie Maggio-Adkins at (318) 652-7078.



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board games, pretend play, etc. The deadline to sign up for an activity booth is June 12, 2015.

For more information on Family Day at the Park or to sign up for an activity booth or sponsorship information, please contact Dallas Russell, Community Programs and Outreach Manager, at (318) 238-7508 or via email at drussell@natchitochesla.gov.

Summer Programs (cont.)

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- July 6 - July 17: Time Travelers and History Sleuths (East Natchitoches Elementary)
- July 20 - July 31: The Great Outdoors: Exploring Sportsman's Paradise (East Natchitoches Elementary)

Registration for Natchitoches Summer Day Camp is \$30 per session, per child and \$25 for each additional sibling. Fees are due one week prior to the enrolled session in order to hold the space. Registration is first come first serve. Natchitoches Summer Day Camp is funded by grants from International Paper and LaCapitol Federal Credit Union.

In August, the City of Natchitoches Recreation and Parks Department and the Northwestern State University Department of Creative and Performing Arts will host Art Adventures Camp August 3 - 7, 2015. Art Adventures Camp will explore visual, performing and culinary arts and celebrate the Art of a City Street. A reception will be held on August 8, 2015 from 4:00 p.m. to 7:00 p.m. to showcase the work of the students.

Registration for Art Adventures Camp is \$40 per child or \$5 with proof of Medicaid card. Registration is first come first serve. Art Adventures Camp is funded by grants from the Natchitoches Arts Council and Cane River National Heritage Area, Inc.

Registration for both the Summer Day Camp and Art Adventures Camp can be completed at the Martin Luther King, Jr. Recreational Community Center located at 660 MLK Drive in Natchitoches or by emailing Dallas Russell at drussell@natchitochesla.gov. For questions about either camp, please call Dallas Russell at (318) 238-7508.

6th Annual Cookin' on the Cane June 5 - 6



The Natchitoches Area Jaycees will hold the Sixth Annual Cookin' on the Cane BBQ Festival June 5 - 6, 2015 on the downtown riverbank.

Competitors will begin arriving on Friday, June 5 and set up along the downtown riverbank. Friday night entertainment includes a live performance by Kopacetic at 4:00 p.m. and Beaux Atkins from 6:30 p.m. to 9:00 p.m.

On Saturday, June 6, the public can participate in the People's Choice Tasting and Voting from 12:00 noon to 2:00 p.m. Judging for the BBQ competition will begin at 12:00 noon. The Sideshow Tragedy will perform live on the riverbank stage from 1:00 p.m. to 4:00 p.m.

For more information on the Cookin' on the Cane BBQ Competition and Festival visit www.natchitochesjaycees.com or contact Jason Stelly at (318) 357-5341.

Artist Sought for 2015 Christmas Festival Poster

Artists are being sought to design the 2015 Natchitoches Christmas Festival Poster. The theme for the poster is

"Christmas in Natchitoches."

Artists who would like to enter the contest should submit a drawing or painting to the Natchitoches Arts Council using the chosen theme. The size of the completed sketch or painting should be 18 inches wide and 24 inches tall. If chosen, the painting will become the exclusive property of the Natchitoches Arts Council. The chosen artist will receive a commission of \$600.

The deadline for entering the competition is Friday, June 26, 2015. All entries should be submitted to Alicia Rachal, Community Development, 420 Fourth Street, Natchitoches, LA 71457. The Natchitoches Arts Council is not responsible for insuring the safe or timely delivery of

the art work to the appropriate party.

Numbered prints in the form of a poster will be available and on sale to the public in early October. All posters are \$35 each. The 1980 - 2004 collage posters are \$15 each. The small posters (3 3/4" x 5") are \$3 each or two for \$4. A special print of the 2008 Fleur de Lis Poster (11" x 17") is \$20.

The Natchitoches Christmas Festival Poster has been a tradition for 35 years. All of the original artwork can be viewed at the Natchitoches Arts Council office located at the Community Development Office (City Hall Annex), 420 Fourth Street, Natchitoches, LA.

For more information about the poster contest, please call Karen Terrell at (318) 352-6925 or Alicia Rachal at (318) 357-3838.

Summer Reading Programs at Natchitoches Parish Library

The Natchitoches Parish Library will host summer reading programs for youth and teens beginning in June.

Kids up to age 12 are invited to come to the library, located at 450 Second Street, to participate in the "Every Hero has a Story" Louisiana Summer Reading Program, a weekly program that includes entertainment by professional performers, books and prizes. Registration for the 2015 Summer Reading Program will begin June 1 and continue throughout the entire month of June. Summer Reading Program performances will be held every Wednesday at 10:00 a.m. and 2:00 p.m. beginning June 3 and every Thursday at 10:00 a.m.

Participants who complete the reading log will get a Summer Reading Program T-shirt or book bag if the child's size is unavailable, a reading certificate and their name will be entered into the grand prize drawing. All reading logs MUST be turned in by July 31 to qualify for the grand prize drawing.

Following the completion of the reading log, a participant will be re-entered into the drawing for the grand prize after every 10th book completed. There will be two grand prize drawings at the completion of the Louisiana Summer Reading Program. One drawing will be for Listeners, or children who have not yet learned to read, and one drawing for Readers, those who are able to read on their own.

Contributions by the Shreveport Regional Arts Council, Louisiana Division of the Arts, the State Library of Louisiana, and the Friends of the Natchitoches Parish Library have made the 2015 Summer Reading Program at the Natchitoches Parish Library possible. The Louisiana Summer Reading Program at the Natchitoches Parish Library is supported by a grant from the Louisiana Division of the Arts, Office of Cultural Development, Department of Culture, Recreation and Tourism in cooperation with the Louisiana State Arts Council as administered by the Shreveport Regional Arts Council.

The Natchitoches Parish Library is also inviting teens ages 11 - 17 to "Unmask" this summer for the library's official Louisiana Teen Reading Program.

Six weeks of programs, activities, and literacy will make up the Natchitoches Parish Library's Teen Reading Program. Programs will be held every Thursday, June 4 - July 9, from 3:00 p.m. to 4:30 p.m. Programs include: Superhero game day, Minute to win it, Suit Up and more. Incentives will be offered to teens who complete their weekly reading logs and a grand prize drawing will be held for those teens that complete the program. Due to limitations, the activities portion of the program is limited to the first 30 teens and preteens who register.

Registration for the Teen Summer Reading Program will begin on June 1 and will continue until June 5. Parents can register their children for the Summer Reading or the Teen Summer Reading programs by visiting the Natchitoches Parish Library located at 450 Second Street in Natchitoches.

For more information about the Summer Reading Program or Teen Summer Reading Program please call the Natchitoches Parish Library at (318) 357-3280.

NSU Summer Dinner Theatre Opens June 10 with "I Love You, You're Perfect, Now Change"

Northwestern State University Summer Dinner Theatre will present "I Love You, You're Perfect, Now Change" June 10 - 13 and June 17 - 20. The play will be presented in the A.A. Fredericks Auditorium. Doors open at 5:30 p.m. with dinner starting at 6:00 p.m. and the show getting underway at 7:00 p.m. Tickets are \$25 for dinner and the show. Reservations are required and can be made by calling (318) 357-4218 or (318) 357-4483.

"I Love You, You're Perfect, Now Change" is the second-longest running Off Broadway musical. The musical was nominated for the Outer Critics Circle Award as Outstanding Off-Broadway musical in 1997. The play explores everything you ever secretly thought about love, sex and marriage but were afraid to admit. Six actors play almost 60 roles in a collection of vignettes and songs that journey from first date through marriage and dating again late in life. Pia Wyatt is the director and choreographer and Dr. Corey Trahan is the musical director.

Louisiana Sports Hall of Fame Induction Weekend June 25 - 27

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The Louisiana Sports Hall of Fame 2015 Induction Weekend Celebration will be held Thursday, June 25 through Saturday, June 27th.

The 2015 Induction Celebration will kick off Thursday, June 25 with the Inductee Press Conference at the Louisiana Sports Hall of Fame and Northwest Louisiana History Museum, followed by the LaCapitol Federal Credit Union Welcome Reception at Maglieaux's on the Cane.

On Friday, June 26, festivities continue with the Louisiana Sports Hall of Fame Golf Tournament at Oak Wing Golf Club in Alexandria in the morning and Music, Memories and Margaritas at The Landing Restaurant that evening.

On Saturday, June 27, youth ages 6 - 14 can participate in the Saints Junior Training Academy. Advanced registration is required. The Louisiana Sports Hall of Fame Induction Ceremony will be held Saturday night at the Natchi-

toches Events Center.

This year's inductees include: world renowned horseracing trainer Frank Brothers; National Coach of the Year Pat Collins; record setting NFL quarterback Jake Delhomme; 3-time Super Bowl Champion Kevin Faulk; Five Women's College World Series Yvette

Girouard; NBA champion and accomplished coach Avery Johnson; All-Star defensive back and 2014 College Football Hall of Fame Inductee Leonard Smith; and championship coach Otis Washington. Also honored will be Dave Dixon Sports Leadership Award winner Paul Hoolahan.

For ticket information, reservations and sponsorship opportunities, please contact Louisiana Sports Hall of Fame Foundation President, Lisa Babin at (318) 458-0166 or via email at LisaBabin@LaSportsHall.com. Additional information can also be found at www.LaSportsHall.com.



Upcoming Holidays & Important Events



*Cane River Green Market Open Every Saturday from 8:00 a.m. to 12:00 p.m. on the Downtown Riverbank. Credit/Debit/EBT accepted.

June 1: Historic District Commission meeting, 5:00 p.m. at the Natchitoches Arts Center

June 2: Planning & Zoning meeting, 5:30 p.m. at the Natchitoches Arts Center

June 5 - 7: Natchitoches Historic District Business Association Girls Getaway Weekend (various locations)

June 5 - 6: 6th Annual Cookin' on the Cane BBQ Festival, Downtown Riverbank

June 8: City Council meeting, 5:30 p.m. at the Natchitoches Arts Center

June 8 - 19: Natchitoches Summer Day Camp Session 1 - Around the World and Here at Home, 7:30 a.m. to 12:30 p.m. Monday through Friday at Weaver Elementary School

June 15: Airport Commission meeting, 5:00 p.m. at Natchitoches Regional Airport

June 18: Historic District Development Commission Meeting, 10:00 a.m. at the Natchitoches Arts Center

June 22: City Council meeting, 5:30 p.m. at the Natchitoches Arts Center

June 22 - July 2: Natchitoches Summer Day Camp Session 2 - Under the Sea, Around the Bayou and Down the River, 7:30 a.m. to 12:30 p.m. Monday through Friday at Weaver Elementary School



June 25 - 27: Louisiana Sports Hall of Fame Induction Celebration Weekend (various locations)

June 27: Family Day at the Park, 9:00 a.m. to 1:00 p.m. at City Park on Amulet Street

